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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



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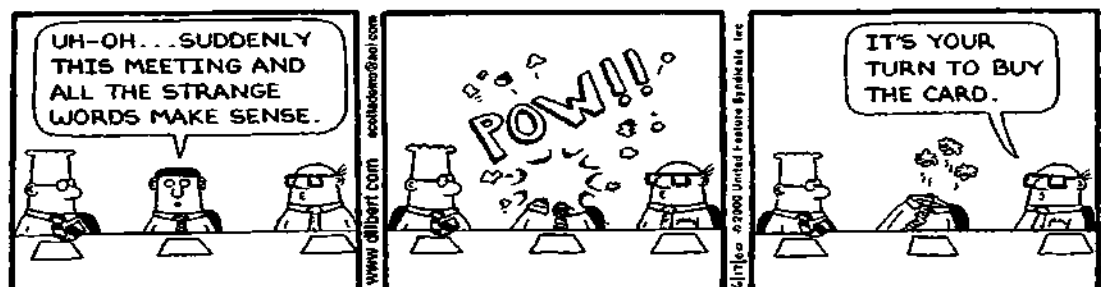
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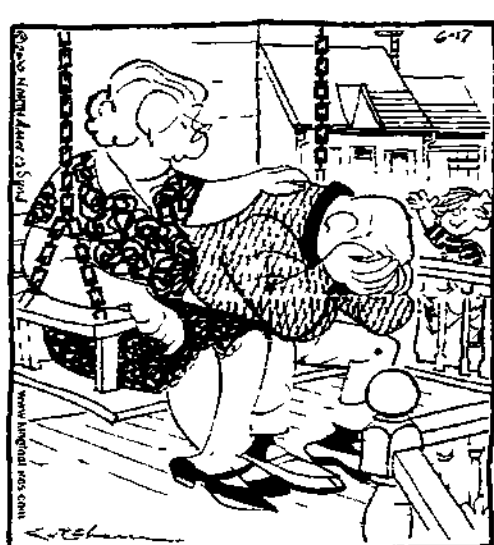
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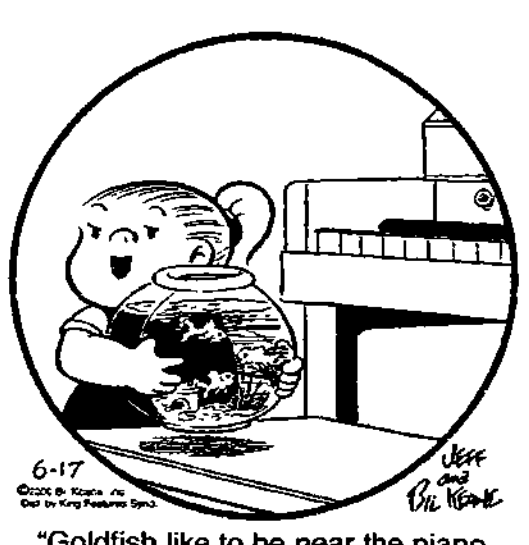
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DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



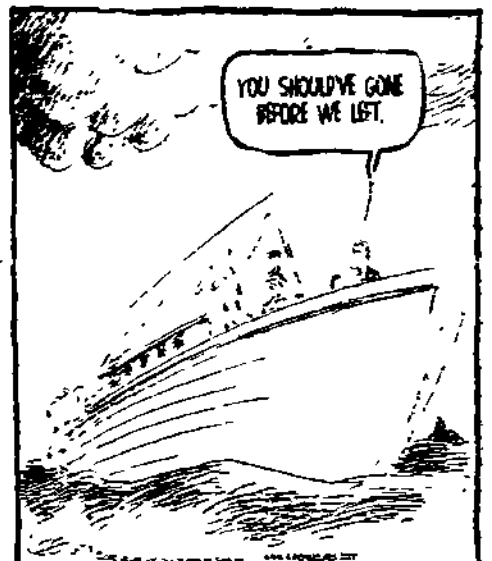
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Peter Lupus is 68. Singer Barry Manilow is 54. Comedian Joe Piscopo is 49. Actor Mark Linn-Baker is 48. Actor Greg Kinnear is 36. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Dan Jensen is 35. Actor Jason Patric is 34. R&B singer Kevin Thornton (Color Me Badd) is 31. Actor-rapper Herculeez (Herculeez and Big Tymie) is 15.

I NEED HELP



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by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each rack. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW. © 1999 Scrabble Words (Chambers), JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 6-17-00

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, June 18

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Meeting someone from a different culture makes you think about how lucky you are.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A lesson can be learned from this humiliation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You want everyone to know how you feel, but preaching your beliefs isn't the right way to go about it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You encounter a conflict between your personal and business lives today.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You have more energy than a shooting star today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Someone offers you an easy way out today, but you remain steadfast in your convictions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) There is a big difference between what you wish were true and what is actually going on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Something or someone you encounter today is simply too good to be true.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You feel strong and confident today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A new assignment doesn't seem possible until you look at it from the right angle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Put your best foot forward and you are sure to make a good first impression.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your job could be at risk if you keep insisting you are right.

WORD SLEUTH

MATES

WETAMMUSCZWURPM
JHTECZDXUSQNLBJ
GETAMWERCCEECTZ
XVTMTCTTTTTRAP
NLJAAAI AAHAEME
CAYMMWMVMTMRIT
PNULKOA IINKOGNA
ELCBRETAMILCCAM
PZXBWSEUUSRPEOE
MLJIEGETAMIRPHR
EDBAYXETAMYALPC

Friday's unlisted clue: PENGUIN
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: A PRISONER.

Accumulate	Checkmate	Decimate	Plumate
Animate	Comate	Estimate	Primate
Automate	Cremate	Inmate	Summate
Bromate	Cremate	Playmate	

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ACES

By Bobby Wolff

East wins his club king and ponders his next move. West's lead suggests his side can win two club tricks, but where might he expect to win two more? South's bidding provides useful information. Since South is marked with a spade-diamond two-suit, East has no reason to expect any tricks in either red suit. Even if South has two hearts and must finesse, East knows the finesse will win. A defensive diamond winner is even more remote. If West's diamonds are strong enough to produce a winner (K-10-9), South will then have stronger trumps, allowing him to pick up East's trump king. With little or no hope for red-suit winners, East's only recourse is to try for winners in the trump suit. At tricks two and three, East should continue with his club ace and his last club. South ruffs, but he has problems with his trump suit. When he crosses to dummy's heart ace to take a trump finesse, West wins his queen and leads his last club. East uppercuts with his trump king, and West's trump eight is miraculously promoted to the setting trick. Any hope, however improbable, is better than no hope at all.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 7 6 2	♠ A K 9	♥ 10 8 5 3 2	♥ 6 4 3
♦ A Q 6	♦ A Q 8	♣ 10 8 4 3	♣ A K 9
♣ J 7 6 5	♣ J 7 6 5		

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Club deuce

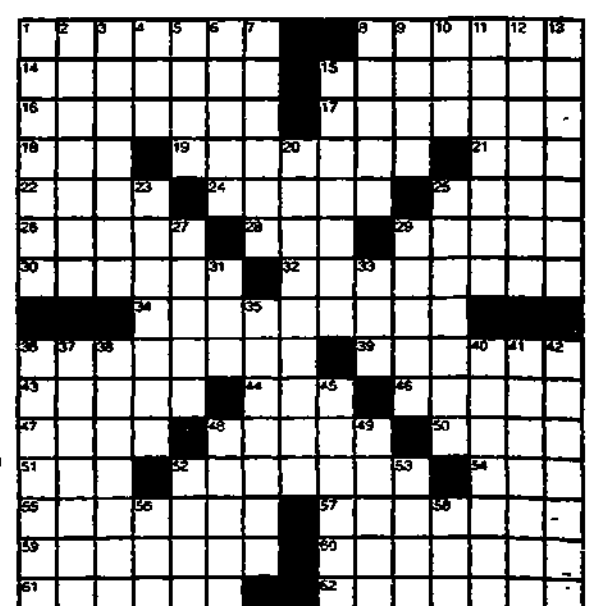
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0506

- ACROSS**
- Branches, say
 - Gaps
 - Gets more active
 - Beef cut
 - Mediator's problem
 - Make a new arrangement
 - Govt. agency since 1970
 - They may have extras
 - Showing fagbug
 - Air bag?
 - "Lucky" numbers, in France
 - Jargon
 - Roman invasion resister
 - grabs
 - City near Clearwater
 - Flat-bottomed hat
 - Str up
 - Weakness
 - Clarity
 - Lacking a break
 - "Tony n' Wedding" (theater hit)
 - Subjects of interstate regulation. Abbr.
 - Protection
 - They're often responsible for upsets. Abbr.
 - Express displeasure
 - Large hall
 - Protected beast
 - The poor
 - Reagan pet project. Abbr.
 - Rubber
 - Misdirects
 - Varnish thinner
 - Petroleum distillate
 - Sister of Venus
 - Pinchpenny's opposite
- DOWN**
- Critical ship system, in "Star Trek"
 - Batter-dipped dish
 - Megakills site in the Pacific
 - Fraternity letter
 - Org.
 - Ponders
 - Discharged
 - Blackfoot foes
 - Express displeasure
 - Halfax clock setting. Abbr.
 - Up
 - Gallimaufry
 - Powerful speaker
 - English
 - Traffic stopper?
 - Four-volume 18th-century literary classic
 - Warms up at the track

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PAGOPAGO PHILIP
ADULATES HAVANA
READIEST ELIXIR
SUD RAT CAFE
EXAM MESAS SHES
LVE OLAY ABA
DECONTAMINATION
INAPERTUORWORLD
GENERALHOSPITAL
UMA OMIO SLR
PYLE PAWED SIPS
CULT RIP GIA
OCTOPI LINEAGES
DILLON SCARLETS
OICING DARKGRAY



42 Person with a wmp, mayoe

45 Refines

48 Hot spot

49 Like some hospital procedures

52 Drudge

53 Merchandise mover

56 Anne de Beaupre

58 Make demands of

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